



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

BRYAN, VINCENT, et al.

Appln. No.: 08/944,234

Group Art Unit: 3727

Examiner: Lien M. Ngo

Filed: October 6, 1997

For: DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRAL BODY DISC DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2002.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Species I, fig. 2 for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 7, and 13 to 125.

With respect to the Disposition of Claims, box 4, Applicants note that Claims 2 and 3 are pending in the application. Acknowledgement is respectfully requested.

With respect to the case caption, Applicants note that Vincent Bryan is the first named inventor. Correction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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